

## COVID -19 Arena Protocols

**Date: September 17, 2020**

Time: 10:00am

Location: Community Services Department

At the Town of Whitby the health and safety of our customers and employees is our number one priority. When the Town's arena facilities open, we will be operating under a number of strict safety precautions, and with services that may be limited.

The following protocols have been developed to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 among our customers and employees. Hockey Canada, the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF), Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA), Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA), Skate Canada and Ringette Ontario, as well as Durham Public Health, have provided the following protocols and return to play guidelines to encourage physical distancing and to ensure the safety of everyone in our facility.

There are things that we'll be doing differently as a result and we appreciate everyone's adherence and patience adjusting to them while visiting our facilities. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these protocols prior to arriving at any Town of Whitby Arena. It is essential that customers take these policies and precautions seriously to support a safe and healthy experience for everyone.

**John Romano**  
**Commissioner**  
**Community Services Department**

For further information, please visit [whitby.ca/skating](http://whitby.ca/skating)

## Before You Arrive

- The Permit Holder is responsible for screening and contact tracing for all individuals (participants and spectators) associated with the permit as they enter into the facility.

All participants should be aware of signs and symptoms of COVID-19, [please review](#):

## Entrance Restrictions:

- Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive for COVID 19, has had close contact with a confirmed case, and has not yet received a negative COVID Test by the PHU, traveled outside of Canada in the last 14 days cannot enter the facility.
- Upon entry, all spectators and participants are required to [wear a mask](#).
- Facility Doors will remain closed at all times.

## Iroquois Park Sports Centre (IPSC)

Arena	Entrance
Scotiabank Rink 1	Exterior doors on the south side adjacent to main doors
Whitby Orthodontics Arena 2	IPSC main entrance doors
OWASCO Arena 3	Exterior east doors adjacent to Boston Pizza/CMS offices
Okanagan Hockey Arena 4	North courtyard
Arena 5	North courtyard
Desjardins' Arena 6	North courtyard

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## McKinney Centre

Arena	Entrance
Bollock's Arena 1	Main entrance
Arena 2	North lobby entrance doors
Toyota 3	Main entrance

### Prior to play:

- Teams will be permitted to enter the facility, as a group, no earlier than **10 minutes** prior to their designated ice time.
- Participants should bring a full water bottle.
- The coach/manager/organizer will assemble the entire team or group and have them enter together, partially dressed.
- Spectators must be prepared to enter the facility with their team, **no in and out privileges** will be permitted.

### While participating:

- All sport activities must be conducted in accordance with the rules and policies of the applicable Provincial Sport Organization, including the rules and policies put in place to encourage safe return to the sport.
- Players' benches are available for use during the permitted activity. Participants are asked to physically distance as much as possible when utilizing the benches.
- All non-participants (e.g. coaches, trainers) are required to wear a mask while on the bench.
- To avoid physical contact and maintain physical distancing, all participants are asked not to high five, fist bump or hand shake, share personal sporting/fitness equipment.

## Arena Information:

- Amateur and recreational sports leagues may resume so long as they do not allow prolonged or deliberate physical contact between players or if they have modifications to avoid physical contact between players.
- [OHF Return to Hockey Framework](#), [OWHA](#), [OMHA](#), [Skate Canada](#), [Ringette Ontario](#) - Leagues must contain no more than 50 participants in total. If participants in a league exceed 50, the league may divide into smaller groups of no more than 50. Players are not permitted to play against players outside of their league or group.
- The total number of Spectators permitted to be in the arena at any one time is limited to the number that can maintain a physical distance of at least two metres from every other person. **1 - Spectator per participant will be permitted.**
- Groups should look to minimize the number of Spectators where possible, and communicate accordingly to all participants in advance.
- Water fountains and water bottle filling stations will be closed.
- Change rooms, will be open for use at arenas and sanitized after each permit, Users should physically distance as much as possible when using these amenities.
- Participants are **strongly encouraged** to attend the facility ready to play with limited change requirements; as you only have **10 minutes in the arena change space.**
- The Town will post change room capacity limits outside of the change rooms and permit holders will be required to ensure those limited are followed.

## Additional Requirements for permit holders:

- Showers are not available at this time.
- Organizations must arrange for a volunteer to oversee participant and spectator capacities are adhered to during each session.
- **No more than 30 participants permitted on the ice** including coaches, instructors and team officials. **– no exceptions –**
- Warm-ups will not be allowed inside the facility under any circumstances.
- Concessions, Pro Shop and Customer service desks will remain closed until further notice.
- A designated gender neutral washroom will be available for each arena.

## Following Your Rental

- Participants are to properly dispose of any garbage.
- Participants and Spectators must exit the arena and facility through the designated path or travel exit/entrance points **10 minutes** after rental.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting Requirements:

- All fixed structures, such as benches, will be cleaned after each permit.
- Available Washroom facilities will be cleaned as per [Public Health Guidelines](#).

## Ice Rentals

- All bookings must be done in advance through contacting Iroquois Park Sports Centre (IPSC) at 905.668.7765 or email [facilities@whitby.ca](mailto:facilities@whitby.ca).
- Each rental will include a 10 minute flood.
- Permit Holders and participants must adhere to all Provincial guidelines in place at the time of the rental activity:
  - If applicable, groups must follow the appropriate governing body's return to play guidelines.